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Original Application**

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that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if more than one name is listed below) of the invention entitled:

## METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ESTIMATING THE MELTING TEMPERATURE (T<sub>M</sub>) FOR POLYNUCLEOTIDE MOLECULES

which is described and claimed in:

[ ] the attached specification or [ X ] the specification in application  
Serial No. 10/660,253, filed  
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that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or that the same was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, or that the same was in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; and

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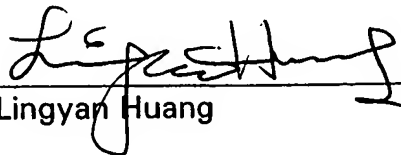
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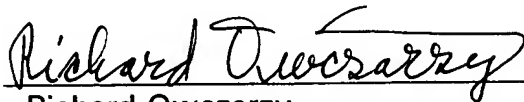
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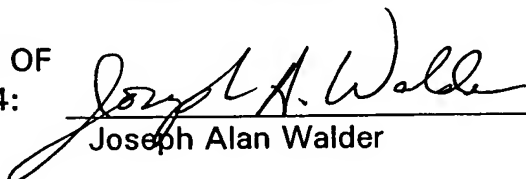
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